

December 12, 2025

TO: Media

FROM: Mr. Patrick Culp, Tri-County School Corporation

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2025

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on December 8, 2025.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda with item #6 Invited Speaker Presentation removed.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Public Ratification Meeting, the Regular Board Session on November 10, 2025 and the Executive Session on November 19, 2025.
3. Before presenting the students of the month Mr. McCracken thanked Tri-Kappa for the donation of the gift cards for the students of the month.
4. Mr. McCracken presented the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: Junior High School Charlie Stone 7th, Owen Wealing 8th; English: Aliah Lopez Alba; CTE(Welding): Tyler Kesler; Math: Drew Foster; Social Studies: Jackson Murphy; Fine Arts (Band): Great Wamsley; Science: Madalynn Iseminger; FACS(Culinary): Carli Powell
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Kettleborough's 6th grade class at TCI: Oaklie Suitors and Jayden Linback
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Amy Hensler's 1st grade class at TCP: Madlyn Sheets and Cole Hitchings
7. There were no visitor comments on agenda items.
8. Under Monthly Reports, Chief Page gave his school resource officer report. He stated that he attended an advanced SRO certification training in Indianapolis for three days. While attending there was discussion about an upcoming DOE training for school safety specialists over the new Indiana law's on behavioral threat assessments and a school safety specialist academy in February. He has been working with Mr. Culp and Mr. Bell on ways to improve building safety and security through upgrades and design. He also has been working on details and implementation of user agreements for the key fobs the school issues to better track them and their use.
9. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the board that updated cameras were installed at TCI and TCP. Both of the buildings were completed on November 26, 2025. TCP now has twenty -three updated cameras. TCI now has thirty-four updated cameras. The whole project was completed in about 3-4 weeks. Mrs. Kelly complimented on how the kids were great and respectful to the laborers when running the cables. In October J.R. Haskins, Lindsey Schanbacher, Diane Smith, and Mrs. Kelly attended the Purdue AI P-12 Education Conference. After returning from this conference Mrs. Kelly has now started an AI literacy process that currently consists of the ITS team, building administration, Mr. Culp, Technology Board Committee, and a former Student. The Neola policies have already been adopted that Tri-County allows AI, but there are still many things that need to be researched more thoroughly. Students, Staff and families need more education on practical uses, AI Data Privacy and Ethics, technical understanding of the many AI options out there, literacy goals for our corporation. They are wanting to create an AI prompt library and also Parent/Community Education ideas. Diane and Lindsey have already started introducing AI to our staff starting last year.
10. There were no board committee reports.
11. Ms. Hall reported to the board that since the last board meeting TCP had an open house to showcase the remodeling and addition. Miss Hall thanked Gibraltar, Mr. Culp, and the TCP staff for their assistance and preparation for that event. This week TCP and TCI are having their elementary Christmas Program on Thursday at 1:00pm in the high school main gym. It will be live streamed on our Facebook page for anyone who cannot make it in person. This Friday Miss White County is visiting TCP classrooms to promote 4-H programs and spread some holiday cheer.
12. There was nothing to report for Tri-County Intermediate.
13. Mr. McCracken reported to the board that on January 21, 2026 David Flood, a National Speaker, will come to speak with Tri-County Jr/Sr High students and staff. He will be talking with students about making the right choice and the consequences of wrong choices.
14. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that finals are scheduled for next week and the days of the week will go as follows: Monday is a regular Red Day and Tuesday thru Friday there will be finals. Finals will be adjusted to assess on content that has been covered since school was closed four days last week. Thanks to Mr. Rodgers, Mrs. Redstone and Mr. Shallenberger for all their help in organizing and delivering backpacks last Friday. There are two more weeks of food delivery before the semester ends for Christmas Break. The Junior High and High

School Band and Choir is this Thursday and it will start at 6:30PM. The performance will be in the main gym. The Open House is rescheduled to Monday, December 15th, from 5:30PM to 7PM. Please enter thru Door #1. Juniors will have Go For Growth meetings thru Skypack Wednesday and 8th Graders meet next Monday. Skypack helps with career counseling. This is a great opportunity for young kids to think about their career goal after high school. Since the locker room construction is complete students are showering after P.E. class and extracurricular activities which has caused a towel shortage. Thanks to the board members for creating a positive problem! Mr. Haskins is meeting with Amanda Eberly from IvyTech virtually on Friday to discuss Indiana College Core (ICC) information. The next step is to create a MOU with Ivy Tech. Ivy Tech will be the institution that grants the credits needed to earn an ICC. Mr. Haskins will have more information to share in January. Mr. Haskins asked to keep these staff in your thoughts and prayers: Mrs. Smith, out due to shoulder surgery; Mrs. Frantz, recovering from her fall out of her tree stand; and Mr. Dilling, who is still in the hospital. Drone certification testing is on Thursday at the Purdue Airport. Students who are testing are Gardenia Del Real, Rose Kaeb, Kyra Armstrong, Ian Orns, Ian Houser, Cole Pilotte. Good luck to the students!! Congratulations to Jackson Murphy who won his first wrestling match this season. Way to show sportsmanship to his opponent! A big thank you to Mrs. Kim Hensler, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School's transportation and athletics secretary for all that you have done! Lastly, Mrs. Haskins wished staff and students a safe and relaxing Christmas Break!

15. Under New Business, Mrs. Maria Salvo presented a proposal to the board for Tri-County students to study abroad in Costa Rica or Spain.
16. The board approved the Personnel Recommendation as presented.
17. The board approved the Operations fund to the Rainy Day fund.
18. The board approved the pay increase for support staff not on a salary schedule and administration also Insurance rates as presented.
19. The board approved the Remington Carpenter Township Library Appointment, Sue Wilder as presented.
20. The board approved the Construction Amendments as presented.
21. The board approved the Affordable Health Care Act Resolution as presented.
22. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reminded the board that at the January organizational meeting board members do not have to change their committee unless they want to.
23. Mr. Culp informed the board that Tri-County's backpack program received a \$15,000 donation from EDP. Tri-County greatly appreciates EDP's donation!
24. Mr. Culp shared with the board that Mr. Haskins and Mr. Sharp have been mapping out the possibility of an ICC program. They have found that IvyTech will be the best to partner with.
25. Mr. Culp informed the board that this Legislative session coming up has twelve bills on this current cycle. He stated that he will continue to keep his eyes and ears open on the education bills.
26. Under Visitor Comments, Andrea Stevens, President of the Tri-County Classroom Teachers Organization commended the board for handling this situation both according to statute and board policy. She recognized that the board has been following due process as delineated in statute and policy and she hopes they continue to do so. On behalf of the TCCTO, she thanked the board for their work.
27. The next board meeting will be January 12, 2025.